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Friday night blaze

Dysart volunteer fire fighter Don Stephenson directs the water at a burning house on Koshlong Lake Rd. in Donald last Friday night. The department was not notified in time to save the home, which was unoccupied. For story please see page 18.

Environment Canada prepares to list road salt as toxic substance

STEVE GALEA

Special to The Echo

Proponents argue that it can save your life. Environmentalists blame it for a host of problems that filter right through the eco-system. The Ministry of Transportation releases up to 600,000 tonnes of it province-wide each winter. Municipal and county road departments add to that. Annually, on average, an additional 3,000 tonnes is used by the Haliburton County roads department alone. Some say that's far too much, others complain that it's not nearly enough.

These days, road salt is nothing if not controversial.

Whether you approve of it for the way it clears our roads of ice and snow, or would rather see it banned because of

the way it affects roadside vegetation and aquatic life, road salt use in Canada is now at a crossroads. And, in Ontario, that use is highest.

Last Dec. 1, Environment Canada (EC) initiated a 60-day public consultation period. During this time Canadians were invited to comment on whether road salts, which contain inorganic chloride salts with or without ferrocyanide salts, should be added to Schedule 1 under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA).

Robert Chenier, section head of EC's Chemical Evaluation Division explained that Schedule 1 designation would mean that the Minister of the Environment would have the power to regulate rather

See Roads page 6



Winterfest Ride:

Whether you enjoyed Winterfest from the back of a sleigh or the basket of a balloon, there was lots to do in Haliburton on the weekend. More on page 16.

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Stockwell Day makes pit stop in Haliburton

Stockwell Day is bringing his bid for the leadership of the Canadian Alliance Party to Haliburton County this Friday. He'll be at Bark Lake near Irondale for about an hour and a half starting at 5 p.m. If you'd like more details, call Dennis Simmons at 447-2394.

here, there & everywhere
news and events worth noting

Local patrons of the LCBO can show their Valentine how much they care by taking part in the health unit's Driver Sober Valentine campaign. Special Valentine cards will be available next week free of charge to LCBO customers. They contain messages urging people to drive sober or, if they are drinking, to call for a ride home or plan to have a designated driver. On the back of the card, people can list phone numbers for their loved ones showing who they can call for a ride home if they have been drinking. The health unit urges people to give a card to someone special.

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Do you put your faith in a groundhog in Wiarton or a meteorologist at The Weather Network? If it's the latter, then get ready for two more weeks of winter-like temperatures in southern Ontario followed by milder temperatures and an early start for spring. Meteorologist Ron Bianchi says the Great Lakes have had very little ice cover and are two to four degrees warmer than usual. Also expect drier than normal conditions. The same can't be said of Northern Ontario where another six weeks of colder temperatures are expected. In the long-term forecast, Bianchi sees three major weather stories potentially making headlines this spring and summer: severe drought, increased forest fires and decreasing water levels.

Muskoka Ink invites all writers, poets and storytellers to tell your favourite original story in prose or verse for the Writing Out Loud Storytelling Contest. Pieces must be less than 1,100 words or six minutes in presentation. The deadline is February 15 and partici-

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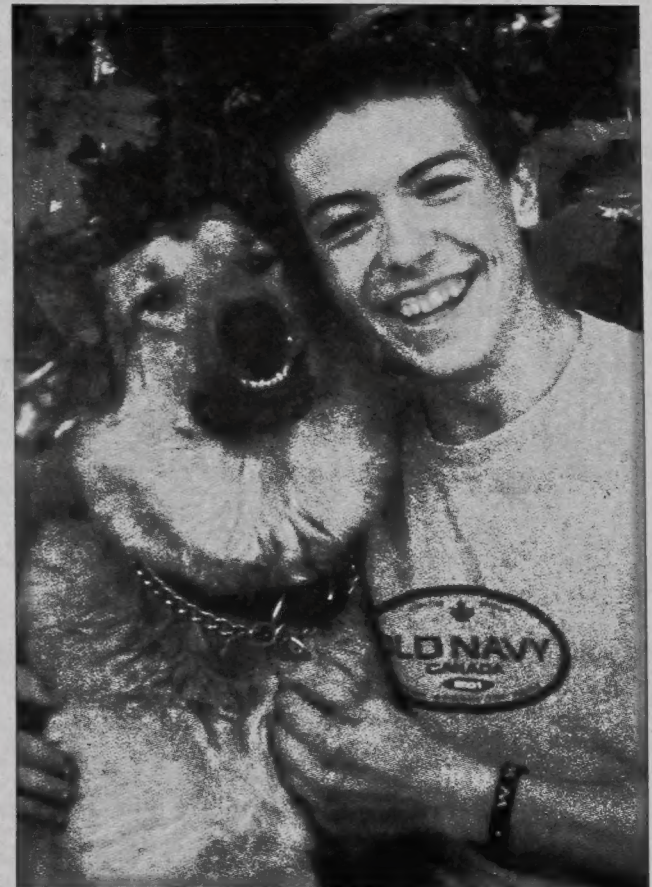
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A natural model

When Joanne Vanier said "smile for the camera", she had no idea that Ziggy the dog was such a good listener. It's not just a trick of the camera that makes Ziggy appear to be smiling along with Vanier's son Dan. The family lives in Wilberforce.

pants must be at least 18 years of age. If interested, label your envelope Muskoka Ink Contest, include a stamped, self-addressed envelope, a \$12 entry fee and send it to Muskoka Arts and Crafts, 15 King Street, Box 376, Bracebridge, Ont. P1L 1T7. Include your name and phone number on all material sent. Finalists will perform in front of a live audience at the Holiday Inn on March 16. For details call Kathy Ashby at 705-385-2989.

The Gryphon Trio returns to Lindsay on February 17 at 2 p.m.. Violinists Erika Raum and Scott St. Jean will also be joining violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Roys and pianist Jamie Parker. The concert is at the Glenn Crombie Theatre, Sir Sandford Fleming College Campus. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth. Call Julie at 705-328-0587.

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Trustees vote to close Gooderham School this June

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

It's finally official - the Gooderham Elementary School will close at the end of this school year.

Trustees with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board made the decision last Tuesday night in Bracebridge.

Unlike a similar decision made last year to close the Dorset Elementary School, this one was made with little fanfare. No one from the community was present at the meeting.

Community members and parents, although attached to the school, did not mount a campaign to fight the closure. For some, the present reality of one JK-Grade 3 class and one Grade 4 to 6 class is neither desirable or sustainable. For others, after the Dorset parents' hard-fought but fruitless struggle to keep their school open, a fight to keep Gooderham's school open seemed pointless.

There are 20 students in a split JK - Grade 3 class and 21 students in a Grade 4 to 6 class. Enrollment is projected to decrease steadily over the next few years.

"Steps have been taken to assure a smooth transition for the Gooderham students," a press release from the board

says.

The JK-Grade 3 students will be bused to Stuart Baker Elementary School and the Grade 4 to 6 students will be bused to J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School, both in Haliburton, 24 kilometres away from Gooderham. Grade 7 and 8 students from Gooderham already go to JDHES before continuing on to HHSS in Haliburton.

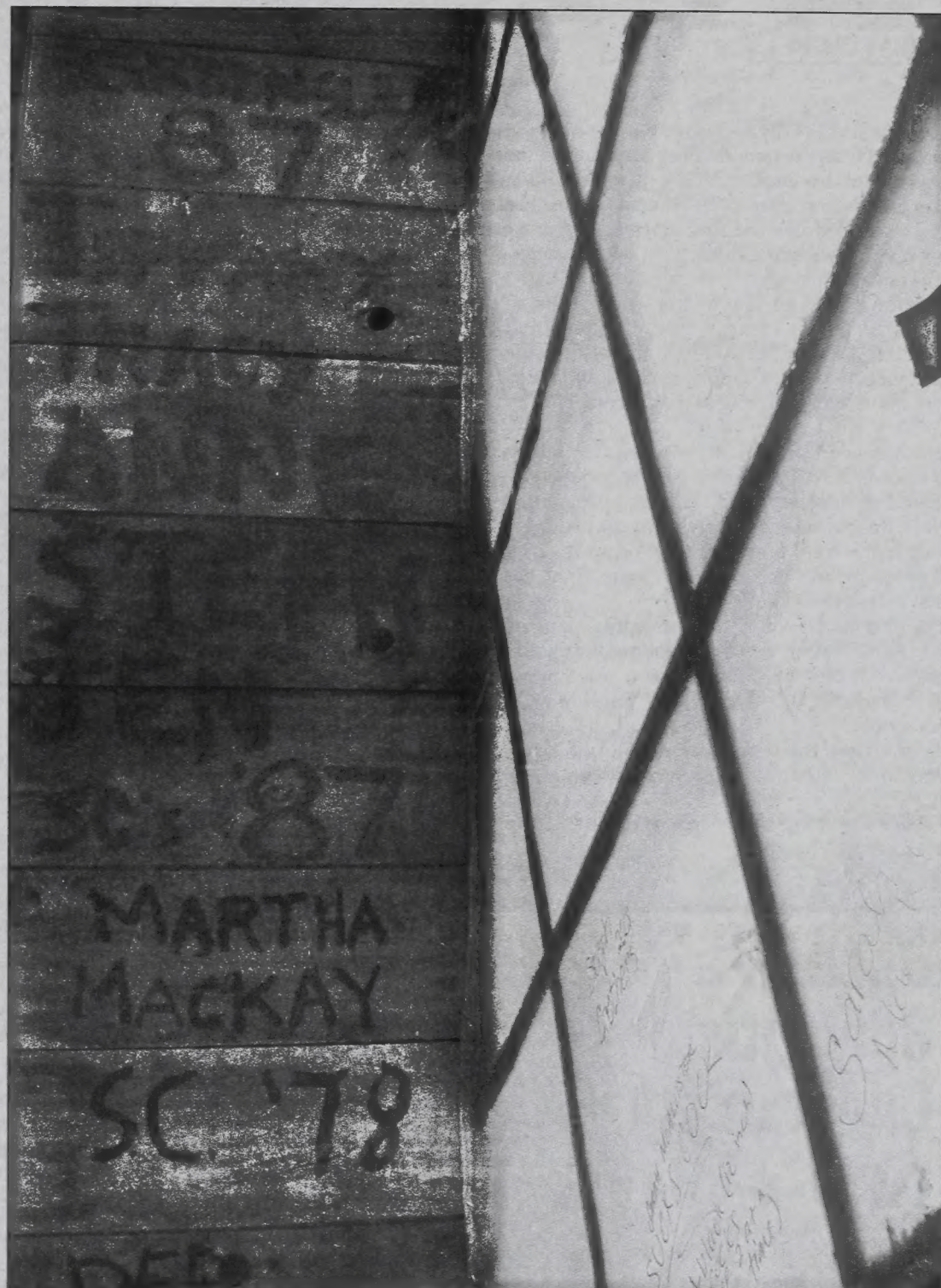
"Bus routes to Haliburton will be reviewed to minimize the amount of time Gooderham students will spend commuting," the board says.

Before the end of the current school year, Gooderham students and their parents will be invited to an orientation session at the two Haliburton schools to help them get acquainted with their new school homes.

The board says the closing of the Gooderham school will "ultimately be a wonderful opportunity for the children, who will now have access to larger libraries, a gymnasium and new and exciting social environments."

The official last day of school for Gooderham's school is June 28.

A closing ceremony will be held at the school for students and community members some time before that date.



London man dies in early morning snowmobile accident

A 37-year-old man from London died early Saturday morning when his snowmobile hit a rock in the middle of Little Hawk Lake.

Donald Cameron's body was found shortly before 4 a.m. on Sat. Feb. 2. Apparently, Cameron and some friends had rented a cottage and were out for a ride together. The group became separated. It was the other riders who came across the accident.

Stanhope firefighters responded with their rescue sled; the OPP also had two snowmobiles. Cameron was transported by paramedics to Minden Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Officers with the Haliburton Highlands OPP along with a Central Region OPP traffic collision reconstructionist are currently investigating the incident.

Results from the post mortem are not yet available.

Autopsy report

An autopsy has determined that Jason Scott Stefaneck, the 23-year-old Oshawa man involved in a snowmobiling accident on January 17, died of a head enduring and internal injury. His aorta was severed when he hit a tree after crossing a lake at Haliburton Forest.

Man charged

A 34-year-old Haliburton man was charged with three counts of uttering death threats. He allegedly threatened a 33-year-old woman and 48-year-old man who were known to him.

Break and enter

A few items were taken from a fishing hut on 12 Mile Lake. The windows and doors were also broken. Snowmobile tracks led from the scene to the Carnarvon gas station.



So long, Gay Venture

The old cabins at Camp Gay Venture have been donated to YMCA Wanakita and the Haliburton Scout Reserve and are in the process of being moved. Construction of the new William's Landing cottage development will begin next month now that an objection to the Ontario Municipal Board has been withdrawn. The 18 cabins will be built along 3,000 feet of shoreline but in at least 100 feet from the lake to preserve the natural environment. Full story in this week's Minden Times

Photos by DARREN LUM

Ah, that sweet smell of spring... in January

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Outside it was -10° and cloudy – one of those joyless January days that had become all too familiar in the Highlands this winter.

But inside Jim Bamford's house on the Essonville Line, it smelled like the first glorious day of spring. If sunshine could have a smell, then his kitchen was close to the equator.

Bubbling away on top of the wood stove were two pots filled with a clear, slightly amber liquid. Give those pots a few more hours on top of that woodstove and the amber would deepen as the liquid boiled down to its more syrupy form. Maple syrup. The first batch of 2002.

The weekend before, when the warm temperatures set records across the province, 80-year-old Bamford decided to hook some old plastic juice containers on spiles he hammered into four maple trees. Sure enough, the trees were responding to the primordial call of spring and by Saturday afternoon, he had a couple of litres of sap.

The next day, he hung the juice containers out again.

"It didn't run as well but I got another gallon," says Bamford, who's been tapping sap since he was four. His only regret is that he didn't think of tapping the trees sooner.

By the time the sap finished boiling away on his woodstove, he had enough syrup to fill a "good cup full."

"There's nothing like maple syrup to stir up everyone's interest," he says.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Eighty-year-old Jim Bamford of the Essonville Line might be the first Highlander to enjoy the 2002 batch of maple syrup. During last weekend's warm spell, he tapped four trees which produced enough sap for him to boil into a cup of syrup on his kitchen's wood stove.

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Access Centre loses John Hassan at the helm

Board shocked by Ministry decision not to re-appoint CEO

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The chief executive officer of the Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria Access Centre has been terminated without cause by the Ministry of Health.

The Access Centre's board of directors confirmed Jan. 28 that provincial government officials decided not to appoint John Hassan, the current CEO, to the new position of executive director.

No reasons were given, board members say. They say they were "shocked" by the ministry's "unilateral decision" and were told by ministry officials to treat the decision as "termination without cause."

According to a news release issued by the Access Centre, the provincial government's action arose from the new Community Care Access Centre Corporations Act of 2001, which enables the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to dissolve all existing Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) boards and corporations and to appoint

new boards and new executive directors, among other things.

The HNV Access Centre board met Jan. 25 to respond to the decision to terminate Hassan at which time the board expressed "unanimous support for its chosen CEO ... We cite his demonstrated competence and exemplary performance, year after year, as evidenced by objective annual evaluations."

The board notes that the ministry's decision not to appoint Hassan "seemed to have no relationship to good client service or to patient care, nor to staff support for Mr. Hassan's leadership, evidence-based competency assessment or local community needs or wishes."

Board members say the past year has been "a particularly challenging one" as the Access Centre has coped with mounting demand for client services while addressing the government's expenditure freeze at previous funding levels and responding to labour relations and other issues, such as the new legislation.

The release states, "Mr. Hassan led his staff in success-

fully meeting these challenges with excellence and dedication."

The board, which is comprised of unpaid but experienced volunteers from across the area served by the Access Centre, "spent much time guiding these efforts and making difficult, but necessary, decisions."

"The board was shocked at the government's decision, given Mr. Hassan's talents and performance," commented Dr. Robert Kyle, chair of the board of directors. "Along with our staff, we are very disappointed and saddened that the people of Haliburton, Northumberland and Victoria are losing a dedicated public employee and highly regarded senior manager in this position."

"John's expertise, compassion and strong leadership have enabled the organization to always focus foremost on the needs of our clients. We consider ourselves fortunate to have benefited from his broad experience, knowledge and vision over the past four years."

Kyle added, "The board and staff wish him all the best and

are confident that he will succeed in any future endeavour he chooses. He will be sorely missed. Unfortunately, it is the community that will bear the greatest loss from his imminent departure."

Hassan has agreed to remain at his post with the Access Centre until the ministry appoints its centrally-chosen executive director. Also, all current volunteer board members will remain in their positions and continue to oversee the provision of services until a new board is appointed by the government of Ontario under the new legislation. They expect that will occur soon.

A number of board members have put their names forward for consideration in the appointment of a new board and establishing a new corporation.

"By these actions," the release states, "the board hopes to retain at least a degree of continuity and to ensure the provision of an acceptable level and quality of service to the public during this transition period."

Hassan is a long-time cottager in the Haliburton Highlands.

More money to be spent on classroom resources

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board will spend \$186,704 on classroom materials. The money is part of a \$228,418 surplus that was allocated to the curriculum department.

Superintendent of Schools/Curriculum, Dale Robinson, told trustees last Tuesday that "For more than two years, the curriculum department has been studying the need for classroom resources to ensure success on both the Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment and the Secondary School Literacy Test. We have identified the needs."

The board approved spending for more than 6,400 textbooks including anthologies, math activity books, and teacher's manuals for the Grade 7 and 8 curriculum. In addition, grades 4, 5 and 6 math resource books will be available to schools and 1,500 Grade 3 writing workbooks will be purchased upon the recommendation of EQAO training staff. The balance of the allocation - almost \$42,000 - will be made available to secondary schools.



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Roads departments have to find ways to reduce salt use

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than advise on road salt usage.

According to Chenier, whether road salt gets listed on Schedule 1 or not, "we've concluded that there is harm done to the environment and we have an obligation to do something about it."

EC press releases are adamant that there will be no ban on road salt use as yet. But Chenier says because it is now on CEPA's list, "this triggers obligations." Over the next two years, the government has a responsibility to implement a management plan that will reduce the impact of road salt on the environment without compromising road safety.

Road salt was listed on CEPA's Priority Substance List in 1995. The proposal to list it as a Schedule 1 substance and the public consultation came after a 5-year study by EC that determined that high concentrations of road salt could damage roadside vegetation, organisms in soil, birds and other wildlife.

Chloride ions from road salt leach or runoff into waterways harming freshwater plants, fish and other organisms not adapted to saline waters. After the report, the Minister of the Environment advised in The Canada Gazette that, "on the basis of the study, yes, the substance is toxic under the CEPA."

With this in mind it's no surprise that even road salt advocates admit that its usage should be reduced. Others feel that this focus on its effects has been a long time coming.

Mike Wilton, director of Algonquin Eco-watch, likes the new initiatives.

"This might provide the impetus needed to find alternatives."

Wilton's group is particularly concerned about the effects of road salt on headwater lakes along the Highway 60 corridor and on interior logging roads in Algonquin Park where dust suppressants such as calcium chloride are also used in summer. "These headwaters represent the closest thing to distilled water that we have on earth."

Wilton is concerned that increasing salt concentrations might harm brook trout and other aquatic life. He also worries about how years of salt accumulation have impacted these lakes.

"As water gains impurity, it becomes heavier. Therefore salt water sinks to bottom. In headwater lakes there is a low flushing rate and the water that leaves the lake is generally that which is closest to the surface. Because of this, there's an assumption that any salt water stays put and these headwater lakes might have increasing salt concentrations."

Additionally, Wilton says the death of many species of wildlife can be attributed to road salt pools at the side of the road during spring. "As many as 25 moose are killed each year along the Highway 60 corridor after being hit by cars. They are at risk because they've come for the salt. It'd be fair to assume that many deer are probably killed while being drawn to salt concentrations on the roadside as well."

Environment Canada studies suggest that road salts alter the environment in more subtle ways too. Cattails and common reed-grass, for instance, often

invade places impacted by salt changing the nature and diversity of an area. It is now believed that ponds and lakes as far as 200 metres from salted roadways are also affected by the applications.

Locally, Haliburton County Roads Manager Doug Ray says things haven't changed that much since Dec. 1. "We don't really use that much road salt and we've always been looking for ways to reduce what we do use. It's expensive. Any alternative, however, would have to be an improvement to salt economically and safety-wise."

The Haliburton County roads department regularly salts County Road 121 and the stretch of County Road 503 from Tory Hill to Kinmount. "We'll do others as conditions dictate and we do have a 3 per cent salt mixture in our sand to keep it from clumping and make it stick to the roads."

Ray says that salt is now stored inside to deter leaching into the environment. Other measures to reduce salt usage include closer plowing and sanding. Ray says his department keeps close tabs on the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) weather report so that they'll know what's coming and plan accordingly.

"We eavesdrop in on the MTO's forecast. It's fairly reliable. If we know how long the storm will last and how much snow or ice it will bring, we'll load up our trucks appropriately. During a storm we'll plow and sand repeatedly but we don't salt until it stops snowing."

The forecast he refers to is MTO's RWIS-generated (Road Weather Information System) report, which uses weather and road data from automated weather reporting stations installed along roadways. These and special sensors embedded in and below some roads assist weather forecasters in predicting icing conditions before they occur.

Ray says that his department is keeping an eye on alternatives being developed to lighten the reliance on road salts too.

The MTO is one such agency that is using cutting edge technology when it comes to road maintenance and salt application.

These initiatives include equipping salting trucks with electronic spreader controls, allowing the operator greater



control of salt placement. Pre-wetted salt is also being utilized. This procedure adds a liquid de-icer to salt as it's placed on the roads; allowing it to work faster and stay on the surface better. This technique is being used on Highways 35 and 118 now.

Another MTO space-aged solution involves the installation of infra-red thermometers in more than 200 winter maintenance vehicles to provide road and air temperatures. Like RWIS, this helps in planning where and when salt application will be most effective.

Add to these, high-speed spreaders to place salt more efficiently, rubber snow plow blades that hug and clean the road surface better, snow hedges to prevent snow drift on highways, and Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) systems that rely on Global Positioning Systems (GPS) to ensure application rates conform to ministry standards. The MTO estimates that these technologies will reduce their salt use by 20%, mirroring federal goals.

As noted, under CEPA, the government has two years to develop management measures to reduce the impact of road salts on the environment. Stakeholder meetings will start early in 2002 and a proposed risk management regime will be presented to the government for a further 60-day consultation period. If approved, the government has a further 18 months to finalize the measure.

Chenier says that whatever happens, "Individuals, municipalities and the provinces have a large part to play."



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Grey County shakes a little Magic O on its roads

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When it snows in Grey County, the roads can get a little brown. But that's better than last year's red roads – especially if the slush splashed onto your white coat.

With the federal government about to declare road salt as a toxic material, Grey County decided to take the initiative and start trying out some alternatives a little early.

Last year, it was a by-product of sugar beets. It had a bad habit of staining any materials it came across. Then there was a corn by-product. But this year, they're having much more success with Magic O, a by-product of the brewing industry.

"It's a waste product of spent grain," says Gary Shaw, director of transportation and public safety for the county near Georgian Bay.

When mixed with magnesium chloride and sprayed over the salt as it comes out the truck's shoot, it coats the salt and makes it stick to the road.

"By spraying it when it comes out the shoot, it stops the bounce," Shaw says. Bouncing salt has a habit of making its way to the side of the road where it's not needed – and where it adversely affects vegetation. Using traditional methods, about half the salt is wasted.

Another advantage, Shaw says, is that magnesium chloride – a cousin of salt from the Dead Sea – will melt snow in temperatures up to -30°. Salt, which is sodium chloride, will only melt snow in temperatures up to -10°.

Although road salt is less expensive than Magic O,

Shaw says they've been using 20-40% less salt, which is a cost savings. As well, because the salt is actually sticking to the ground, the trucks have to make fewer runs, which also saves money.

He's also really pleased with a new rubber blade they've put on one of their trucks. The rubber blade conforms more to the road and its bumps and valleys, making snow-clearing more effective. "It peels off the snow a lot better."

Also in the works are new techniques for dealing with salt, such as loading it into trucks inside a storage facility rather than outside.

"You'll see a lot of changes" coming out of the federal government's new edicts about the use of road salt, he says.

And the drivers? How do they like all the changes?

"Everyone's quite happy," Shaw says.

It's not only winter drivers who are pleased with the switch. Shaw says council made the move because of concerns about road salt's impact on the environment. People are more environmentally aware, he says, and therefore are receptive to alternatives.

Last spring, after one winter's use of Magic O and magnesium chloride on some roads, Shaw said there was a noticeable difference in the roadside vegetation, which got a lot greener faster.

Magic O and magnesium chloride will never be able to replace road salt outright, he said, but they can reduce the amount of salt that has to be used. And that's good for everyone.

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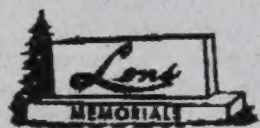
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Chamber questioned over Peter Rigby's contract end

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Emotions ran high during an emergency meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Jan. 28 at the Delta Pinestone.

The meeting, initiated by Lois Rigney, was described as a question and answer session to talk about recent events surrounding the non-renewal of Peter Rigby's contract as Chamber general manager. Rigby was told of the decision Jan. 18, which turned out to be his last day. He came back about a week later to clear out his personal effects. In the interim, the locks were changed on the Chamber's doors.

This act infuriated Sally Moore, owner of Sunny Rock Lodge B&B, who stood up at the meeting and told the Chamber executive she wasn't happy about the way the situation was handled.

"To use the Bay Street mentality of asking the person to leave on that day and changing the locks makes that person feel like a thief," she said. "I want to rap your knuckles because I think that mentality is bull in this community."

"I guess I'm the one whose knuckles should be rapped," replied Scott de Savoye, chair of the Chamber's personnel committee. He said Rigby wasn't rushed out the door. "He wasn't given five minutes to leave. He left on professional terms," de Savoye said. "Those are our data bases, our equipment ... whether they're [the departing

worker] a stellar performer or a mediocre performer, you have to protect [resources] ... I didn't ask him to leave right away. I said, 'Peter, how long do you need?' We parted on good terms."

"Yes," Lois Rigney added, "I understand he went very professionally."

De Savoye tried to stay positive, saying the Chamber has a chance now to move forward and hire someone who can be an "ambassador," a "poster child" for the Haliburton Highlands, someone "vibrant," someone "we'll be proud to say, 'that's our representative.'"

But some of the 30 or so people at the meeting were angry over recent events and there were several heated moments during the meeting, which lasted just under two hours.

What many members at the meeting really wanted to know was why Rigby's contract was not renewed; however, executives leading the meeting could not discuss the details because it violates Rigby's rights under the Freedom of Information Act. Not only would such discussion be illegal, it could have the potential to harm the reputations of Rigby and the Chamber.

"It's not just a matter of legalities," de Savoye said. "It's out of respect for the individual."

Rigney said everything with the Chamber seemed to be going just fine until news broke that Rigby was gone.

"We were all told at the annual meeting that everything was spiffy-da-do and then this happens," she said. "People in the

community are saying, 'there they go, shooting themselves in the foot again.'"

Rigney was one of the most vocal opponents to the board's decision not to renew Rigby's contract - a decision that was made when the president of the board, Diana Ferguson, was (and still is) on vacation. Rigney was upset because Ferguson wasn't there and the decision was made by a newly-elected board. She also wanted people to know that her husband, Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney, wasn't on the executive when the decision was made.

"[The new board members] do not really know the background of the hiring of [Rigby] ... They know nothing about his performance - why, they've never worked with this man."

De Savoye defended the board. "To suggest we're a bunch of rookies is unfair," he said. "Some of us may be new to the board but we're certainly not new to the business community in the Highlands."

Vice-president Jim Henwood said Rigby hadn't had a contract for about a year. Generally speaking, he said when a contract expires the person continues on a month-by-month basis until the contract is renewed - or not. "We felt, based on the information we had, we decided not to renew his contract."

Rigney asked why Rigby worked on a contract basis rather than as an employee.

Henwood said, "It's my understanding that it was his choice. It was his choice, it was beneficial to him."

Rigney defended Rigby's contribution to the Chamber. "He put in his own desk to save the Chamber money. He worked to the best interest of the Chamber ... Did he not go to trade shows on weekends with his wife and plug Haliburton? Did he not go to speak about the Dorset school issue? I don't know where you're going to get a poster child for Haliburton that's any better than Peter."

Jurgen Haedicke of Halimar Lodge wanted to know what Rigby did wrong.

De Savoye said Rigby didn't do anything wrong - the board just wasn't happy with the direction that was being taken. "No one is suggesting that the person was doing a bad job," he said. "On the contrary, he shed a lot of blood, sweat and tears for this Chamber ... The board felt a renewed and heightened sense of expectation is out there."

Haedicke wondered what it would take to meet the board's expectations for a manager.

"No one can meet all the expectations," de Savoye said.

"Then don't hire anyone," Haedicke replied.

Moore would like to see de Savoye and the personnel committee write down and show members what their expectations are for managers and staff.

De Savoye said the new manager will also be hired on a contract basis, but there has been some talk about hiring two people: an economic development person and an office manager.

He and Henwood stressed economic development as an important part of the Chamber's

job.

Henwood said, "We need to rely on more than just tourists. We need to develop our own economy ... If we have too many more winters like this, we'll all be out of business."

Former chamber president Dennis Casey said "If there hasn't been any economic development done before it was because there was no money."

Don Shortreed, the deputy reeve of Algonquin Highlands and the county's new Chambers representative, suggested the Chamber get going on a presentation to county council to ask for funding. He also said members have to put this behind them and get back to business.

"I think it's important, as a Chamber, to pull together and move ahead ... We have to think about going in a new direction," he said, in reference to economic development. "What you have to do is make a presentation and if you feel the Chamber needs more money to go in this direction, then so be it ... If we need money to be earmarked for a certain thing, now's the time to move forward."

At the end of the meeting, members seemed satisfied with the opportunity to vent their concerns. Contractor Jim Miners said the meeting was "more interesting than any annual meeting has ever been ... We should have an emergency meeting every three months."

Rigney said "I think the best thing that can be done, since the dastardly deed has been done, is move on ... I wish you luck because you're going to need it."



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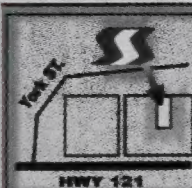
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Clear the smoke

It's been with a guilty sense of relief that one listens to all the news reports of other communities struggling with their no-smoking by-laws. Guilt because you know in your heart that Haliburton County should be tackling the issue more directly and relief because up until now we've been spared the emotional and at times unpleasant debate. But we can't procrastinate much longer. Haliburton County may be one of the last jurisdictions to implement 9-1-1 but the health unit is urging local politicians to join other municipalities in introducing tough new rules that limit where people can smoke. More precisely, other towns and cities have banned smoking in bars and restaurants and Haliburton County is being asked to do the same. Yikes.

echo editorial

— martha perkins

First of all, let it be recognized that smoking is an addiction. For many long-term smokers, smoking has long quit being a choice. It's something they feel physically and psychologically obliged to do. Smokers are not society's pariah. Many of them started at the age when taking risks is a rite of passage and by the time they made it to the other side of adolescence, were completely hooked. And, let it be said (before many smokers do), cigarettes are a legal product. Smokers are not breaking the law.

But if the health unit and other anti-smoking advocates get their way, it will be against the law to smoke in most public places including bars, restaurants and Legion halls.

If smoking was simply a civil rights issue, such a ban would be a serious infringement on a person's right to do what they want to do to their body. But smokers are stuck because the issue is larger than that. Studies repeatedly show that smoking is not only bad for the smoker's health, but it's also very harmful to anyone breathing in a smoker's smoke. That means other restaurant patrons, staff and any children who happen to be nearby. Given the dangers posed to others, society does have a right to set rules. Ventilation systems and smoking areas won't do it.

The reasons for a ban are numerous. Smoking's toll on human life is much too big. Too many people have died at too young an age. Yes, it's their right to choose a habit that will contribute to their death, but people say that before they get sick, before they can't breathe or have to undergo chemotherapy. All you had to do was read all the stories about Peter Gzowski's death from emphysema to get that message. After smoking three packs of cigarettes for 50 years and becoming house-bound by his smoke-induced illness for the last couple of them, he not surprisingly became a big advocate for the anti-smoking movement. (Actually, that should be more appropriately called the quit-smoking movement.) In all those years of smoking, he knew he should quit, and he tried every quitting trick in the book, but it wasn't until he was ill that he realized how much was at stake. Would he have had more luck earlier in life if society had denied him as many opportunities to light up?

Smoking also puts a great strain on our healthcare system. Given that our healthcare needs and wants are outgrowing our ability to pay for them, it makes sense to do something that will reduce the pressure on that system. It may be incredibly difficult, but a person can control whether they smoke or not.

In this week's Echo we have some advice from a consultant who's helped other communities introduce new smoking laws. His advice? It's all or nothing. Don't try to find compromises. As hard as it is to accept such advice, he's right. It has to be done, and it will have to be done in Haliburton County.



Lone tree at Vinegar Hill

photo by Darren Lum/Echo

The thrill of drilling holes

Winter anglers love the great outdoors as much as anyone. So much so that they are willing to sit all day in a tiny, heated shack out on a lake, just for the chance to be near it. Sure, on occasion, they'll emerge from the darkness with squinty eyes and full bladders, and, true, if they see their shadows it means six more weeks of winter. But there's more purpose to this icy ritual than that. The real reason they'll pack four anglers into a closet-sized hut is to escape from the house for a while so cabin fever doesn't set in. All this just confirms the fact that the brain is the first organ to freeze. We won't discuss the second.

Despite this, I'll confess that I love ice fishing as much as the next guy, which is to say that I rarely use either organ in January. Yet, even so, ice fishing is not without subtle charm. Where else can a man drill a bunch of really big holes at random intervals without ever having to hang a picture, sweep up the mess or say he's sorry?

Whether you use brawn and a hand auger or brains and a gas-powered drill, it really doesn't matter. It's all just a façade for wanton, unsupervised tool use. A man couldn't ask for more, at least not while his mouth is frozen shut.

To understand the ice angler's mentality you need to realize that the entire sport centres around a vacant space. And you need a hole in the ice too.

No one knows for certain, but archaeologists theorize that the first hole through the ice was invented by a round-bellied caveman who went for a stroll on a beaver pond in very early winter. Shortly after, the sport was refined to

its present-day form when lighter members of the clan caught their limit while trying to fish him out. I know it's hard to believe, but remember that was in the days of unlimited lines and no slot size.

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Obviously, not everyone is fortunate enough to have a really big fishing buddy to spare on every trip. That's why the auger was invented. Sure, some people also claim to use a spud but, for the life of me, I can't figure out how they get through a foot of hard ice with a potato. Perhaps they boil it first? Who knows?

Anyway, the auger is far more practical. It's also easy to use if you remember the simple rule: clockwise in, the other way spin. This has something to do with

why serious ice anglers never wear digital watches.

I once observed a new angler drill the wrong way for several minutes while his young wife looked on. As I passed by, she shook her head impatiently and muttered, "Not the sharpest tool in the shed, I guess." To this day, I'm unsure if she was referring to the auger or the man.

Some anglers don't much like drilling holes through the ice, saying it's too much like work. Personally, I love it. At the beginning of the year, I'll drill literally hundreds of holes searching for that perfect spot where I won't go through again. By about this time of year, though, I'll drill just one. Some say that it has something to do with ice thickness and the strenuous nature of the job. Of course, they're wrong. It's just by this time, the thrill of drilling holes out on a frigid lake has long past. In fact, like everyone else, I'm usually bored stiff.

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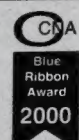
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Before planes carrying innocents became weapons of destruction, before hatred leveled architecture, humanity had embarked on another evolutionary path leading to a new society we cannot yet comprehend, nor contemplate. Everything we have come to trust and depend upon is challenged in the acceleration of knowledge and change, converging into reshaped destinies in the Technological Age.

Government, church, health, education, justice; all have become institutions under revision in the new formulations of our place in time and space. New economies are emerging, but we have yet to grasp the complexities of the fiscal values inherent in knowledge. How does it translate in the economics of consumerism?

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Science is expanding our understanding of new frontier, of particles of matter and life traversing dimensions of time and space, but to what end?

In all of this quandary, globalization, commenced more than a decade ago, has set the stage for rendering our institutions irrelevant; for reducing once confident societies to a state of confusion and uncertainty, expressed as anger and frustration; to challenging the foundations of our hope, our traditions and our faith. Innovation and knowledge are no more the tenets upon which to build values than materialism and self-indulgence.

The decades of pursuing prosperity and self-gratification, of the perpetual divergence of responsibility to government for our conscience and moral parameters, through which we sought order and independence, have abandoned us. These were always values that were not sustainable, acquisitions of things, creating distance between our connection with the greater potential of life, shared, and the resulting depletion of resources.

Governments have recognized the waning ability to generate revenues for redistribution and programs used in salving our carelessness. National boundaries have evaporated in cyber space. Our personal security is no longer assured in a world where governments and institutions are redefined as elemental and, as is suggested, we become responsible and accountable to each other in a greater purpose.

The comfort we took in governments acting as a conduit for our moral sensibilities, assuring need is met, aspirations are achievable and redistributing wealth, so long as the individual was comfortable and independent, is gone. We are abandoned to lower standards of living, working harder, longer for less money and waking to the reality that the greatest tragedies of the world are to be visited upon us in the immediacy and accessibility of the global village.

We approach the world with indifference at our peril. Hatred and the expressions of hatred through reprisal are visited upon those closed to all except their material selves, so eager for governments to provide the mechanisms for relief and protection when the sustainable cost of assistance is no longer possible. The suffering of the world is ours also.

Senior levels of government have systematically de-evolved to return to the fundamentals of their beginnings in structuring the earliest societies, and communities are being redefined, empowered to reflect the heart and spirit of those who reach out and embrace the power of caring and love, shared in the furthest, deepest breadth of life.

New municipal boundaries will continue to broaden in an expanded effort to define the services necessary to provide communities with the fiscal base to adequately fund their delivery. It is, however, the greater influence of individuals, working together, that will determine the success or failure of the future of the new communities. People who can extend themselves, in the spirit of inclusion, with heart and commitment, to the broadest range of participants in the community of life.

Individuals who can genuinely commit to a compassionate view of humanity in the building of vibrant centres, where life and love are engaged in the pursuit of giving expression to fulfilling the expectations and potential of each human being. Respect is extended to individuals; caring is shared; respect and caring are the necessary ingredients of love.

Hope for the future is dependent upon the emergence of a new system of values. The strength of the communities of the future will be dependent upon our ability to understand our relationship with the vastness of life's experience, and to know God resides within us and inhabits all things, connecting us, empowering us in ways we have previously been discounted from because our attention was directed elsewhere, outside ourselves and the common bonds of humanity.

I was recently lectured by a young man I have come to know and care about, concerning his freedom. He dismissed me and my influence from his life in an assertion of his independence.

I explained that we are all given free will to choose, to formulate ideas and opinions, to love and experience the gambit of emotions in encountering life; however, none of it has meaning

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Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past shows the Jr.-Sr. third class of Pine Lake School, West Guilford in 1936. From left are: Back row: Iris Sisson, Doreen Welch, Lyle Welch, Elva Jones, Ray Sisson, Marguerite Sisson, Ken Sawyer, Stella Sawyer and Lola Barry. Front row: Laverne Barry, Adrian Cooper, Bev Simms, Don Sisson, Alfred and Arthur Sisson, Wayne Griffin and Earl Cooper. Our thanks to Ray Sisson of West Guilford for sharing this with us.

letters to the editor

Spill warrants new measures

To the Editor:

Sixty-eight thousand litres of raw sewage contaminated Lake Kashagawigamog. The pumps failed. The alarms failed. This is not the first time. The thought of washing dishes, bathing, shaving and washing hair in this waste is both frightening and dangerous. Azurix, the company that operates the line and sewage treatment plant, as well as (Dysart et al) council must accept responsibility.

1. Daily water tests are necessary. You can test now if you can fish through ice.
2. The pump system needs replacing. Two controls, at least, are needed at each station.
3. A siren should be installed at each station with back-up to warn of a breakdown.
4. The bottom end of Lake Kashagawigamog will be hardest hit because the outlet to Lake Canning is off to one side. There has been a steady growth of weeds at the end of the lake since the sewage plant was installed. Council should see that the weeds are removed and monitor any future growth carefully.

5. Lake Kashagawigamog and Lake Canning, the Drag River and even Kinmount are affected by this horrendous spill.

6. Lake Kashagawigamog and Lake Canning associations must be involved. They should pursue this problem vigorously.

7. Building development on the lake needs to be carefully monitored until this problem is solved.

8. The economic fallout to the resorts, the bed and breakfasts, the stores and the restaurants of the communities of Minden and Haliburton is obvious. Tourists will not come to a polluted lake.

9. Tax notices will be coming out soon. The council should insure that the mailing includes a report of steps that have been taken and will be taken in the future re: this disaster. REMEMBER WALKERTON!

With a deep concern for the beauty of Haliburton,

Mary Thomas, Toronto.
A summer cottager since 1946.

Cleanup effort should be council's priority

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to the 68,000-litre sewage spill on Lake Kashagawigamog and the most recent cover story in the January 22nd Haliburton Echo.

I have been a summer vacationer with my family on Lake Kashagawigamog for 22 years and

now I have seen everything. Reeve Murray Fearrey is an elected official, elected for the people by the people and in my opinion his verbal barbs toward LKO President Peter Oyler are not only uncalled for they are a waste of time!

Mr. Fearrey is very quick to support growth and

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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



How, when, will spill be cleaned up?

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commercial development on the lake however very slow to correct and prevent the disaster that happened on Lake Kashagawigamog back in December. Has he made every effort to clean up the lake thus far? Will another treatment/pumping station be built to assist with the current disaster? Are there current measures in place to contain the spill once the ice moves away in the Spring? Will a daily water quality report be available and published weekly in the Haliburton Echo to alert the residents, vacationers and guests of any potential harm that may await them as the contemplate a daily swim?

In addition to the questions raised by Mr. Oyler, Trevor Babbs and the 23 attendees at the January 14th council meeting, COUNCIL MUST make it a point to address the concerns above and the concerns of the thousands of people who

keep the Haliburton economy moving from year to year.

This is a priority for Mr. Fearrey and that of both the Municipal and Provincial Governments. Keep this on the agenda every week, report back to the residents of the region via newsletters and weekly stories in The Echo. Communication is the key here and that's something council and the company involved have failed to provide to the community. MrOyler expects answers, cottagers expect answers and so does the environment.

So before we see Mr. Fearrey and MPP Chris Hodgson out campaigning with their pick for the Conservative leadership, we hope you have provided some answers to when, where, and how this spill will be cleaned up. We already know the what and the who thus far.

Rob McCaig
Pickering

Renters' shower water would dilute sewage spill

To the Editor:

Re: Sewage Spill Defence Tactic 101: "We have a big business in cottage rentals and they don't care if they run the shower for an hour." M. Fearrey.

I guess we're all thankful that this environmental disaster occurred during the winter months. Otherwise the 68,000 litres of raw sewage would have been

diluted by a million litres of yucky Renter Shower Water. Why do I get the feeling that Reeve Murray Fearrey has been spying on me? How did he know that I travel to Haliburton each summer to have hour-long showers? I thought it was my little secret!

Tammy "Tourist" Smith,
(now looking for rental properties in Muskoka).

Computer classes include several levels of education, and are appreciated by students

To the Editor:

We wish to express our appreciation for Lori Sargent's enthusiastic and knowledgeable teaching methods as a computer teacher. For so many of us, this has meant a most enjoyable and informative introduction to computers. We want to thank her for his marvelous opportunity to learn. We also wish to thank Laura Willis for all the administration responsible for making this experience possible. May these classes continue as they are most appreciated and valuable to us.

Please may all of the community know that the courses at the Highlands Community Learning Centre include several levels of computer education re: basic and advanced word processing, database, spreadsheets, internet and Email, which are all taught with knowledge and dedication.

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Computer class
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Ernie Hills

True community built on people reaching out to each other

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unless it is shared; none of it has purpose unless it is engaged in the objective of enhancing the broader implications of life.

I had explained that the only truly independent people I have known in my life share in the absolutes of love and friendship; who care and respect all living beings and who can embrace their fellow beings in the warmth of a hug. From the point that they know they share in a friendship, a relationship based upon love and caring, they have the independence they require to proceed with courage and conviction in confronting those things that threaten those very values that empower them and their objectives in life.

We know that we are connected in ways we sense, but are prone to distrust, fearful of segregation and exclusion. We share in our daily lives, through our communities, the joy and hope, the expectations and support by which, ultimately, we define ourselves. The things by which we define ourselves, our love and our friendships, form our greater understanding of our relationship with life and God.

We bring those people with whom we share life into a circle of caring and respect, always stronger at the centre of our being, like throwing a handful of stones upon the water, ripples from each, at the centre, forming a tapestry of affiliations and linkages.

Love is the ability to respect our differences, which in turn expands our understanding and our empathy. Love is the ability to care, to say: "if you are hungry I will feed you; if you are naked

I will clothe you; if you require shelter I will open my home to you; if you are lonely I will embrace you!"

We have come to know that we are connected in all things! What we commit into the air, the earth, the water, we ultimately take unto ourselves and those things become one with ourselves in what we eat and drink and breath. Similarly, what we do to each other we do to ourselves, because the hurt of intolerance, or indifference, or bullying, is carried like a burden, and we do not share actively in the full and joyous value of those lives we touch or touch us. We are independent in our isolation, solitary, but failed at life!

Similarly, in love we are empowered, courageous in confronting those things that would rob us of our independence, our hope, our faith and the greater community of humanity, in which we experience all that life offers.

We are empowered in love to face the challenges of the future and the freedom of the completeness of life. We build caring communities that extend beyond the threshold of our limitations and expand across the panorama of the human experience. The objective of the new community is to live fully in love and friendship, unafraid to reach out in expressions of the true value of life, shared.

So you are the new revolutionaries! romantics who respect the dignity of all humanity; who believe human rights are not restricted to laws and tribunals, but are the spiritual bonds that unify humanity and all of the experiences of life. You are called to be tomorrow's leaders.

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Surveys show public supports tougher smoking bylaws

Only 3% of those interviewed said there should be no restrictions

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cer Alex Hukowich pointed out, whether or not Haliburton institutes a no-smoking bylaw is up to the politicians. "It's a matter of what people want to have happen," he said. "In the end it will be the elected officials who have to make this decision. And if they don't want it, they will come up with all kinds of criticisms and excuses why."

According to Hukowich, most people in the Highlands want public places to be smoke-free. The health unit is involved with a telephone survey through York University on a multitude of health issues, including smoking.

His survey information shows most people do not want to be exposed to secondhand smoke in public places like restaurants and workplaces. "Only 3% of those interviewed said there should be no restrictions. The rest either want it banned outright or contained in well-ventilated, separate smoking sections."

The same surveys are being conducted elsewhere in the health unit area, which goes south all the way to Port Hope and includes Lindsay, and Hukowich says Haliburton is right in line with other places, both urban and rural. It's a refrain that's familiar to him: Haliburton is different – a no-smoking bylaw wouldn't go over here.

"Haliburton is different. It's lovely. There are all kinds of differences but when it comes to attitudes towards smoking, it really isn't much different than anywhere else."

Hukowich says a lot of surveys have been done and, for him, "it's not a matter of whether there will be a smoking bylaw but when and how," he said.

Perley has a great deal of experience helping municipalities pass tobacco bylaws and he relies on evidence, not conjecture, to get the message across that secondhand smoke is dangerous. The following information is from his presentation.

In adults, secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and nasal sinus cancer. It may cause stroke, breast cancer, cervical cancer and miscarriages in adults.

In children, secondhand smoke causes sudden infant death syndrome, low birth weight, bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory infections, worsening of existing asthma, middle ear disease and other respiratory symptoms. In children it may cause damage to cognition and behaviour, decreased lung function, onset of asthma and worsening of cystic fibrosis.

Perley said the most recent estimate states that there are between 1,100 and 7,800 deaths per year in Canada from exposure to secondhand smoke, at least one-third of which are in Ontario.

But the one thing he said that shocked a lot of people in the room was this: "Just 30 minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke makes the functioning of coronary arteries in non-smokers indistinguishable from that of habitual smokers. This may lead to hardening of the arteries over time."

"Over time," he added, "it doesn't take a lot of these short experiences to start hardening the arteries."

Gord Graham, one of the people who attended the seminar, is a member of a service club that holds bingos as a fundraiser. He used to volunteer at the bingos, even though the heavy smoking made him feel sick. But he rationalized it by saying, "Oh, it's just five hours a week." When he heard 30 minutes can impact his arteries, he was "shocked."

Perley said workplace smoking bans

breaking 100% bylaw), the City of Ottawa, Peterborough, Guelph, Oakville, Orillia and Cornwall. "Cornwall was very resistant," Perley commented. "It had a higher smoking rate than other areas of the province but they still managed to do it."

Phase-in bylaws (restaurants 2001-2, then bars, 2004) include Toronto, regions of Peel, York and Niagara (all allow designated smoking rooms). Some, Perley said, have just done restaurants with no plans for handling bars.



Connie Woods, Jack Brezina and Jeanne Anthon of Haliburton Highlands Health Services listen to Dr. Alex Hukowich at the tobacco information meeting at BonnieView.

not only dramatically reduce exposure to secondhand smoke but also significantly reduce the number of people who smoke. "It just makes a lot of sense," Perley said. "If you're trying to stop eating chocolate, you don't want to be spending a lot of time in a convenience store ... A smoke-free workplace encourages people who have recently quit smoking – that's a side benefit."

But he wants to be clear on this: "We're not advocating these bylaws because we're trying to ban smoking – we're doing it to protect people from the serious health hazard of secondhand smoke."

He said exposure to secondhand smoke in the workplace doubles an adult non-smoker's risk of developing asthma.

Ontario municipalities, he said, are addressing the health risks of secondhand smoke exposure by doing the following:

- Bylaws regulating both non-hospitality premises and hospitality/recreational premises.

- Two basic approaches – regulate all premises at once, which more municipalities are doing, or phase in 100% smoke-free with or without designated smoking rooms. "There are pros and cons to both," he said, but he recommends not phasing in because it has more problems.

- All hospitality/recreational premises are now 100% smoke free in the region of Waterloo (Perley called it the ground-

- Restaurants-only bylaws include Brantford, Sudbury, Windsor, London, Timmins, Terrace Bay/Schreiber.

- 100% bylaws under development include Grey and Bruce counties, Halton Region, Kingston, Muskoka District, Simcoe County, Tecumseh and Thunder Bay.

Perley said ventilation is a common argument presented by those against tobacco bylaws and promoted and funded by the tobacco industry but the only way to completely guarantee ventilation is to smoke in a wind tunnel.

He presented the following concerns and responses concerning freedom of choice:

- "Restaurants are private businesses and should have freedom of choice." Response? Proprietors cannot choose food safety standards, liquor licence conditions, building and fire code standards. "Small business are thoroughly regulated," Perley added. "They don't like it, and that's understandable – there's a lot of paperwork that goes along with this stuff."

- "Non-smokers can go to a non-smoking facility." Response? Non-smoking employees are at risk in smoking facilities. "Very often the employees get forgotten about in this debate," Perley added, "and they really suffer."

One of the biggest arguments against tobacco bylaws is money. Concerns include the following:

- Bylaws lose customers, reduce sales,

lead to staff lay-offs, reduce tourism and force smokers to migrate out of town.

- Employees like smoking sections because of higher tips; smokers spend more when they go out.

- Governments collect tobacco taxes, therefore bylaws are hypocritical.

These are Perley's responses:

- U.S. and Canadian studies show no net negative economic impact from smoke-free policies; improvements in sales/tourism have been shown in California, Massachusetts and Victoria.

- Ottawa hospitality employment went up following the Aug. 1 implementation of a tobacco bylaw; restaurant bankruptcies went down after that date compared to the previous two years.

- There's no independent evidence of higher spending by smokers or smokers migrating.

- Following the Jan. 1, 2000 100% smoke-free implementation in Waterloo, the number of food/beverage premises increased over the previous year.

- Ticket sales for the 2000 Waterloo Oktoberfest (after bylaw) surpassed 1999 levels (before bylaw). "You would think this would be in the opposite direction," Perley said. People attending the 2000 Oktoberfest wondered if the lighting in the building had been changed, it was so bright. But it hadn't – the difference was there was no haze from cigarette smoke.

- For accommodation, food and beverage businesses, the one-year failure rate is 20%; after five years, the rate is 67%.

- Operators never produce independent accounting evidence of losses; rather they allege or predict future losses – the large majority of complaints originate with proprietors and staff, not smokers.

- Provincial healthcare costs and other economic losses from tobacco greatly exceed tobacco tax receipts. In Ontario, that's \$1 billion in healthcare costs and lost productivity. "We're way out of whack in terms of the money going out for healthcare and coming back from tobacco tax. It doesn't even pay the bills for disease," Perley said.

Over the years he has learned a few lessons in implementing smoking bylaws.

- Make it a level playing field with workplaces, public places, restaurants and bars treated equally.

- Put the onus on the proprietor to enforce.

- Pre-implementation publicity is a must with meetings for both proprietors and the general public.

- Implement in a good weather month.

- Exceptions and exemptions, as opposed to 100% smoke free bylaws, make litigation more likely.

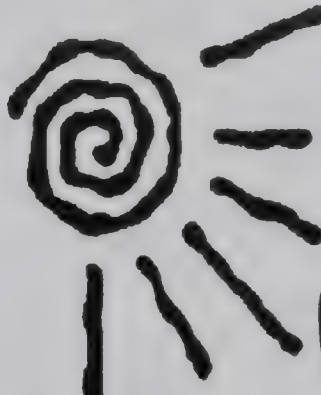
- Ask for independent evidence of economic impact (like sales tax data). Industry allegations and predictions of losses, he said, have not been substantiated.

Hukowich said he wants to see a smoking bylaw in the Highlands because "the real argument is this is a health issue. This is not trying to spoil people's fun and tell them what to do. This is a health matter."

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Hundreds endured the frigid temperatures over the weekend at the Haliburton Winterfest. There was great eating and fun for everyone who came out to Head Lake Park. Some of the activities were snowshoeing, dogsledding, hot air ballooning, tobogganing and children's games such as snow golf.
photos by Darren Lum



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Two nights of falling stars

BILL HUTSON

Special to The Echo

The third game of the first round of playoffs on Jan 24th in Minden was do or die for the Ridgewood Ford Bantam "A" Highland Storm, who had lost the first two games to Millbrook.

Into the first period it was mostly even play with perhaps a slight advantage to the Storm as they worked hard to tally the first goal. Strong play by goaltender Jeremy Moynes kept Millbrook off the board until a bad bounce off a stick directed the puck into the Storm net. Don Cherry has a message on this one "get your sticks out of the way". Millbrook scored the next goal in the second period to make it 2-0.

A lack luster second period by the Storm ensued until the 8-second mark. Then it happened – the TSN turning point. Mark Fisher on a carry up the board took a long shot that fooled the Millbrook tender, make the score 2-1 going to the second intermission. The coaches went to work pumping up the team for the third and it showed as a new team skated onto the ice. At 9:37 Sean Keaney tied the game. Millbrook bounced right back a minute later with another goal but this didn't discourage the Storm. The legs were starting to come back as getting to the puck first and strong defensive play was evident from Josh Fick, Justin Abbs, Mark Fisher and Brandon Bowman. "Axeman" Fisher's defensive feed to Darrin Brown set up Adam Hutson. A wrister through a crowd beat the Stars' minder and tied the game with just a couple of minutes to go.

Overtime. The crowd is on the edge of their seats and Millbrook fans are shocked. Millbrook played hard and slid a player into the net knocking Moynes to the ice. It didn't count as a goal as the

puck wasn't with him; it was on the stick of Kolt Smith heading to the Millbrook end. Skating through the neutral zone, across the blue line deep into the Millbrook end he cut across the net shooting low along the ice and was the hero of the night as the Storm won 4-3.

Two nights later in Millbrook, the forth game was set to go. The night was a rugged snowstorm, just right for The Ridgewood Ford Bantams and Dodge drivers to compete. It showed as soon as the team stepped on the ice. Some positional changes sparked strong forechecking and aggressive play that we hadn't seen too much of yet. All cylinders were firing; forwards Jonathon Sharpley, Kevin Bowman, Shawn Hemming and Matt Roberts worked hard on aggressive forechecking and solid hits to create numerous turnovers in the Millbrook zone.

The defense of Abbs, Fick, Fisher and Brandon Bowman once again came to play, as did Jeremy Moynes who time and again shut down any offensive threat. It took until 9:15 of the first to tally the first goal but then they came in a bunch. Team all round scoring was back as it had been all year. Final score 7-1.

The game sheet reads Kolt Smith with two goals and an assist and Mark Fisher with a goal. However this was argued in the stands between Orville and Gary as to whose kid scored that goal. Gary tried to get the hat trick but the crowd saw the true picture. Matt Roberts, Justin Abbs, Brandon Bowman with goals and "yes" player of the game Kevin Bowman with a goal. Assists went to Darrin Brown, Adam Hutson, Justin Abbs, Jonathon Sharpley, B Bowman, Jesse Johnson and Kolt Smith.

It's a one-game series now, to be finished tonight in Haliburton don't miss it.

Highland pride beast enjoy the feast

ANDREW PAUL

Special to The Echo

The Novice As sprang into game action like a pride of hungry lions, as they devoured the Millbrook Stars in the weekend 'home and away' opening play-off round.

Although the first encounter ended in a lowly 2-0 score, there was little doubt, as to who rules, with a convincing 8-0 slaughter at the Millbrook Coliseum to pounce in front in the series; 'lions 2, gladiators 0'. Normally a tame group, they took the 'lion's share' of infractions in both encounters, as the 'zebras' thinned their ranks for over-zealous activities. Against these odds, they determinedly 'clawed' their way to the front of the Stars cage with huge onslaughts time and time again.

Everyone got involved in the intensity of the playoff game atmosphere, and the team defense did a remarkable job by allowing very few shots against. Mark

Novice in action



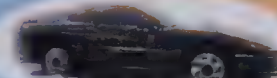
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Donald house burns

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

A Koshlong Lake Rd. home burned for three hours on Friday night before a call was made to the Dysart et al fire department.

Firefighters received the call at 8:15 and arrived in Donald find the home engulfed in flames with plumes of smoke rising in the night sky.

Chief Miles Maughan said he suspects the fire was burning for a few hours before they got the call and this amount of time didn't give firefighters a chance to extinguish the fire.

OPP were first on the scene, followed by firefighters and then Haliburton County EMS.

The homeowner, Ben Lawlor, wasn't at home at the time of the fire – he was away at a friend's place.

The team of 17 firefighters

battled to suppress the fire tickling the roof of a house just steps away and their job wasn't made any easier by live hydro lines hanging directly in front of the blaze.

To make matters worse, frigid weather (17 below Celsius) eventually froze their water lines which were quickly replaced by additional lines. Although strong winds fanned the flames and prolonged the fire's lifespan, firefighters stayed until early the next day making sure the fire was extinguished.

Maughan suspects the fire originated in the living room at the front of the home. A definitive cause of the fire is unknown.

"It's undetermined, but it is suspected to be electrical," Maughan said. He was told by the owner that lights in the home were going off and on.



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Feeling lucky? Try the Haliburton Forest poker run

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The 14th annual Haliburton Forest Poker Run is set for several hundred snowmobilers to enjoy a day at the forest and in the process, contribute to a great cause.

With nearly 300 km of trail at the Forest, on February 16 snowmobilers will be collecting tokens at five checkpoints in the hopes of winning a snowmobile while raising money for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

"The main focus is that this is a community event," owner Peter Schleifenbaum said. "What's really great is the support from the local businesses."

Schleifenbaum said the run's success is to the credit of the volunteers and the contributions from the local business community.

"Normally we have 200, sometimes 300, prizes so one out of three people who come to the poker run might not take the snowmobile away, but they take something," Schleifenbaum says of the donations he gets from businesses across the county.

What started with \$200 raised in its first year has reached a total of more than \$92,000 for the HHHSF. It is poised to reach the \$100,000 mark this year.

HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker sees the event not only as a fundraiser for the foundation, but with the money spent through food and gas by the hundreds of snowmobilers, it's also a boon to the county.

"It's a great way to promote the county," Walker said.

"We appreciate all the work. We wouldn't be as successful without them."

Earning special praise are the staff from the Windermere Cottage Resorts and Kennesis Carpentry, and the Kennesis Lake businesses who are responsible for running the check points. Last year the run attracted 672 snowmobilers who raised \$8,000.

"They really help out physically which is really great because when you have that many people going through you need lots of help," Schleifenbaum says.

At each of the five checkpoints during the run, food and refreshments will be provided. The first one will have pancakes, hot chocolate and coffee to start the run.

"It's not just somebody standing there and shoving you a token in your hand, but it's an opportunity to socialize and have a good time," Schleifenbaum says.

"There is no preset route they can go wherever they want to go."

The highest hand for the run has been a full house and some years a hand of only three kings has won, so the hand doesn't even have to be that high to win the top prize, says Schleifenbaum.

The top prize this year is a 2002 Ski Doo Touring 500 snowmobile, second prize is a snowmobile suit and third prize is a helmet.

Checkpoints will open at 9 am and close at 2 pm with the run finish at 4 pm, followed by the winners announcement at 5 pm.



The event fee is \$40 and is open to everyone 12 years and older. Registration must be done in person at the Forest and can be done now or on the day when it opens at 8 am. For further details call the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve at (705) 754-2198.

Still feeling lucky? Try the SLED poker run Feb. 23

And speaking of poker runs, there's another big one in the Highlands on Feb. 23.

It's the annual Snowmobilers Link to End Diabetes (SLED) poker run, held in Haliburton to raise money for the diabetes network as well as diabetes research. Last year \$24,000 was raised at the poker run and organizer Andy Chvedukas of Haliburton Lake is hoping to raise even more this year.

Snowmobilers register at Rails End Gallery in Head Lake Park on the 23rd at 8 a.m. and then head off on a 100 km along Haliburton County Snowmobile Association trails. At each checkpoint -there's five - they pick up a playing card and the snowmobiler with the best poker hand at the end of the day wins a new Polaris 550 Supersport from Kushog Lake Marina. There will also be raffle tickets for sale with a big table full of prizes and a barbecue for hungry sledders.

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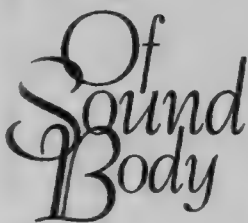
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The Little Prince

Red Hawk Theatre Company debuts a kids' story that speaks to adults

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Imagine that you grew up on a planet where there were no other living creatures. Then, one day you're visited by a rose. A beautiful rose, yes, but a prickly one, as a rose is wont to be, full of demands.

If you're a little prince, and you're a figment of Antoine de St. Exupury's imagination, you "need more life experience to know how to cope with the rose." So begins your journey to other planets where you meet creatures even more interesting than a demanding rose. Among the cast of characters is an aviator, a king, a tippler, a snake, a tramp, each possessing different strengths and flaws. Each teaching you more about life - and yourself.

And so sets the stage for the upcoming production of the Red Hawk Theatre Company at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Teacher Darrell Dobson is directing this interstellar journey with a few made-in-Haliburton changes.

For one, the little prince is androgenous, played by Amelia Ambridge. As well, Dobson has taken the two musical adaptations of St. Exupury's classic story and the two spoken versions and combined them into a spoken version with music. It's not quite a full-fledged musical, but there is lots of dancing and singing, including performances by the Haliburton Children's Choir.

"It's a fairy tale but you can also get higher meaning out of it," says Amelia during a break in rehearsals. "It's a crowd pleaser."

"It's a good family show," her director adds. "It's a kids story that speaks to adults."

More importantly perhaps, in the hands of the Red



Red Hawk Theatre Company's Little Prince has Amelia Ambridge, above left with Iain Farrell, in the lead role. They're joined by Alex Ambridge, Devon Ryan, Trevor Ottley and Arlen Mighton, at right.

Hawk Theatre Company, Dobson says A Little Prince will be "magical, theatrical and aesthetically pleasing."

There are 25 teenagers in the cast. Since the production does not include a traditional set, some students provide the backdrop. In one scene witnessed during a recent rehearsal, several students were "acting" as if they were trees. In another, eight students form a plane. Have you ever wanted to see six students perform a sunset?

Helping to add to the magic is a scrim, a thin gauze that both separates the stage from the behind-the-scenes action and creates its own special moments. Onto this scrim will be projected St. Exupury's drawings and through it, the audience will be able to get an eerie glimpse of the Haliburton County Children's Choir, directed by musical director Lorelyn Morgan. (Morgan's husband Barrie Wood is the choreographer.)

Tickets are \$8 each for adults and \$5 for students and children and are available at Cranberry Cottage. The show runs February 21, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. and February 24 at 2 p.m..



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Thousands of miles from home, exchange student still keeps up on Argentina news

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Sabrina Lemme certainly has a lot to talk about every Sunday when her parents phone.

After she's filled them in on all she's done as a Rotary exchange student living in Haliburton, they tell her about what it's like at home in Argentina.

Argentina's been in the news since the new year, what with its currency devaluation, revolving door of presidents and general economic uncertainty.

Listening to the news, some people have asked Sabrina about whether she's afraid to return to Argentina after her year in the Highlands is up. Sabrina has expressed those concerns to her parents, who tell her not to worry.

"It's not like they're killing people or there's total chaos," Sabrina says, sitting in the kitchen of her host parents, Bill and Laura Scheffee. "My parents say that it is a positive thing because people are realizing we need new people to run the government so the country can go in the right direction."

"[After all], we are the ones who have the power. We choose the people who represent us."

Argentina has had a stormy history. Colonized by Spain, it won its independence in 1816. In more recent history, the country had a military government which did not allow dissent.

Although people of Sabrina's generation have grown up in a democracy, her parents, who are in their early 40s, remember when they had to be afraid to express their views. "My grandpa was involved in political things but the government didn't do anything about him. He wasn't safe though."

Some of her friends have relatives who weren't as lucky, people who were killed or disappeared.

Today, Sabrina is proud of her country. It is rich with

natural resources, such as oil and agriculture, and has tremendous potential. One of the problems, however, is that many of the major businesses and services are owned by foreign interests. That means that money that's made in the country leaves the country.

Sabrina's lucky to live in Argentina's richest province, Buenos Aires. ("If you go to the north or any other province, they have more poverty.") Her home town, Mar del Plata, has a vibrant fishing and tourism industry. Four hours down the coast from the capital city of Buenos Aires, Mar del Plata is the playground of Buenos Aires' richest citizens (as well as the middle class). Their "cottages" are massive three-storey edifices overlooking the ocean.

Normally at this time of year, which is Argentina's summer, Mar del Plata is bustling – a bit like Haliburton on the August civic weekend. Sabrina's parents say, however, that this year it's not quite as busy as it normally would be.

"Either people have the money and don't want to spend it, or they don't have the money."

Until the crisis, one Argentinean peso was worth one American dollar. Today, it takes almost two pesos for one greenback. Many transactions are done with American dollars. For instance Sabrina's parents are paying their mortgage with dollars. (This week, Argentina's peso is no longer going to be tied to the dollar.)

Sabrina's parents were a bit worried as things began to worsen. Sabrina comes from a middle class family. Her mother works for the government and two years ago, had to take a pay cut so the government could try to pay down foreign debt. Her father owns a business that does electronic repairs.

When Argentina's troubles became world news a few weeks ago, Sabrina was worried about what her parents were facing.

"I thought you couldn't go outside or do anything but it's not like that," she says. After talking to her parents every Sunday, she realizes "people are still working and doing the things they have to do."

Her parents have cut back on their spending and Sabrina can no longer use the credit card she was given before leaving Argentina. If her parents had entertained any thoughts of coming to the Highlands to visit, they're definitely on the back burner now.

But be afraid to go home? Definitely not. Argentina may be facing difficult times economically but if it is populated by people who share Sabrina's commitment to the future, then the country will endure.



Sabrina Lemme was photographed with a maple leaf by Darren Lum last summer.

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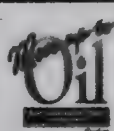
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- **Darts:** Royal Canadian Legion Br. 624 - Every Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
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- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. On Feb. the 19th at 7 p.m. we will be showing a short video on "Is there something other than surgery". All men and the women who love them are welcome. For information please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **Badminton:** Every Monday 7:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Minden, until May 27. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and Fitness. Phone Lois 286-1765 for more information.
- **Haliburton County Home Support is looking for volunteers** for Meals on Wheels, friendly visiting, security checks and home maintenance. For more info please call 457-2941.
- **Bridge at the Gooderham Municipal Bldg.** every Monday 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome. Contact Doreen DeGrave 447-2877. Sponsored by the Gooderham Community Action Group.
- **Contract Bridge** at Home Support, Monday January 28th
- **Cribbage** in the Drop-in Centre at Home Support Friday February 1st
- **Thursdays: C.H.A.C.E. Supper** Haliburton - 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., \$4.00 per family. Call ahead to reserve a spot, 457-2989.
- **Feb. 5: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 624 - Executive meeting** 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb. 7: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 624 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting**
- **Feb. 7 The Farm Market Association of Haliburton County** will meet at Haliburton UCC 7:30pm. All welcome. It is not too early to get that extra area planted to sell at the farm market. Call Jean Schlicklin Tyler at 457-2214
- **Feb. 8: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 624 - Pot Luck Dinner and Birthday Bash.** (This is something new, so come out and celebrate February Birthdays with friends and family. If your Birthday is in February this will be a special treat)
- **Feb. 8, 15 & March 1: Alzheimer Society of Victoria County** Satellite office at the Kinmount and District Health centre every Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A family and caregiver support group is held in the Centres lower level alternate Fridays, February 1, 15 and March 1, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Open Group. Please call 878-0126 for more information. A portable Library is available in your area for home viewing.
- **Feb. 9: Kinmount Baptist Church continues its Gospel Concert series** with the singing duo of Jenny & Angela from Simcoe, with special guests Destiny from Bobcaygeon. This all ages concert will not only traditional gospel music but also contemporary Christian music from such well known artists as Point of Grace, Michael Card, and others. 7:00pm and the cost is \$5 at the door. For more information call (705) 488-3188.
- **Feb. 10: Royal Canadian Legion Br. 624 - Pool Tournament** 1:00 p.m. - You can pre register for this Tournament at the Bar and be certain of a spot on the list to compete for 1st prize. Contact Malcolm Hughes, Sports Director.
- **Feb. 11 to 15: Frozen Meals on Wheels Special** - Buy 10 get 1 free. Meals are nutritious, delicious and easy to prepare. They are available to anyone aged 55+ in Haliburton County. Call Ida at 457-2941 for details.
- **Feb. 12: St. George's ACW Pancake Supper** - Tues. Feb. 12 at the Haliburton Legion 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Adults \$5., Children 6-12 \$3.50, Family \$12., Children under 6 are free.
- **Feb. 12: Pancake Tuesday** 10:00 a.m. Pancakes and sausages. Please call C.H.A.C.E. to sign up 457-2989.
- **Feb. 13: Valentine Potluck Lunch** 11:00 a.m. at C.H.A.C.E. Resource Centre - Halco Plaza. Bring your favorite dish. Please Call to sign up 457-2989.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for nonprofit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-2375, e-mailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca., or brought to the office.

NOTE: This calendar is not a complete listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.



CATHY OLLIFFE/Echo

Banking on healthcare

Healthcare is a big priority for just about everyone, including the Bank of Montreal. The bank has made a corporate pledge of \$22,000 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, with \$5,500 coming through the local branch to HHHSF every four years. Branch manager Nelly Ashworth, second from right, presented the third installment Jan. 31 to, from left, Don Popple, capital campaign chairman; Dale Walker, HHHSF executive director; and David Gray, capital campaign vice-chairman.

A deer in the moonlight and other romantic notions

I stood out on the back deck Sunday night around midnight enjoying the shimmering glow the full moon cast upon the snow in the back yard. I was relishing the sounds of silence after being in downtown Toronto for a number of days.

The silence was suddenly broken by the sound of footsteps crunching in the snow. A lone deer came forward to the feeder like an apparition in a hazy dream but his approach was not hesitant or shy but deliberate. With a twitch of his ear and tail he disregarded me and started to feed. The night was so silent I could hear him chomp on the corn and seed mixture. I looked to the east trail and saw three more deer approaching.

The younger deer romped about and my thoughts went to young people. Most appropriately for me, I thought about students and I likened them to the deer. Like the deer, they too have many paths and opportunities to follow. Some students are comfortable to follow paths, which will lead to university or college. Then there are other students who have a particular focus and they want to deal with concrete rather than abstract problems.

I thought about the Haliburton County Home Builders Association meeting I had attended along with a number of other personnel from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Wade Woodward, president of the 34-member association, spoke to us about the serious shortage of skilled trades people, especially plumbers and electricians here in Haliburton and how the future of the industry depends on the students now attending school.

Teacher Rob Stonehouse spoke of the H.H.S.S. project-driven courses and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. What an excellent path for young people to follow in order for them to receive work training before they leave high school! Something to give serious consideration to.

Along the lines of following paths and opportunities, however, on a much lighter side, the Harcourt Community Centre presents a Valentine Pre-teen Dance on Feb. 8 for young people 7-16

years of age. Cost \$3 per person. Time: 8-11 p.m. So follow the path of Valentines and bring a card for your favourite Valentine.

And just how did Saint Valentine's Day come about? It is my understanding it was a Western European Christian holiday, originally the Roman feast of Lupercalia. The church did not exactly condone the feast of Lupercalia so it was

Christianized in memory of the martyrdom of St. Valentine in A.D. 270.

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Valerie Smith
448-3840

According to one legend, Valentinus ignored a decree from Emperor Claudius II that did not allow marriages and engagements. Valentinus continued to secretly conduct wedding ceremonies but was caught doing so. He was sent to prison and sentenced to die. While imprisoned, the future Saint met the jailer's blind daughter and cured her of her blindness.

The poor girl fell madly in love with Valentinus, but she could not save him. On the night before his execution, Valentinus slipped a message to the girl. The note, of course, was signed "From Your Valentine."

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL.
Just when I was thinking, "No news is good news," I learnt of the death of Jack Lyons. Jack lived in Harcourt during the late seventies/early '80s. Condolences go out to families and friends of this former resident.

Mother Nature continues to be unkind to winter sports enthusiasts. Our skating rink is truly turning into a Noah's Ark as it awaits weather conditions more conducive to forming ice. A favourable sign would be colder weather.

March 9, 2002 - Snowmobile Poker Run - once again we must depend on the goodness of Mother Nature co-operating. Contact Cindy at 48-3624 or Steve at 448-2208 for more information.

Remember the Harcourt Community Centre offers:

Bingo every Wednesday evening starting at 7:30 p.m. and progressive euchre every Thursday starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Harcourt Community Centre is available for rent for weddings, anniversaries, etc. Please contact Debbie at 448-3155.

County to help fund workshop on building lifestyle communities

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

A workshop on how to build "lifestyle communities" will take the county a step further towards finding ways to enhance the economy, Warden Eleanor Harrison says.

County councillors agreed that their municipalities would help share cost of hosting the workshop as recommended by its marketing committee at last month's county council meeting.

At its recent meeting, the committee had heard from Victor Heinrich and Bob Kitcher of Enhanced Community Solutions.

The consultants work on developments where residents can get the support they need to stay in their homes for as long as they are physically able. The developments don't include long-term care facilities, but they do provide assisted living. A key component is to have services readily accessible.

The consultants call it "the continuum of retirement living."

The developments can be built with the assistance of the private sector but are usually run by a not-for-profit agency or project manager.

The land could be owned by municipalities or other community organizations such as churches.

Leases for life

Accommodations are sold through "leases for life" and the up-front payment of these leases funds the construction. Construction costs are generally \$80 to \$85 a square foot. The consultants say the most popular units have two bedrooms with two bathrooms.

The workshop would address what needs to be done to create such a development in the county.

"It's a way of enhancing our communities," Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Jim McMahon said after Harrison's report. "We'll never get the Ford Motor companies so we have to look at what we can do best and bring growth to the area. I strongly believe in it."

"The beauty of this workshop is the awareness of what we have to look for (to attract the construction)," said Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney.

The Haliburton County Development Corporation will contribute \$1,000 towards the \$3,000 cost of the workshop; the county's four municipality will split the remaining \$2,000 cost.



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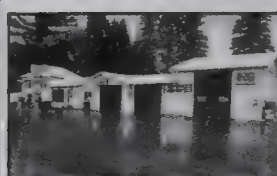
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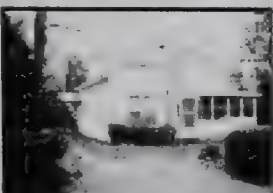
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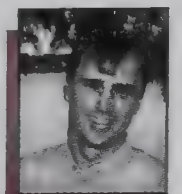
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Happy 90th, Collin!

Collin Rowbotham celebrated his 99th birthday on January 30, 2002 at the Essonville home of Elois Somerville and Ken Jones. Though Col recently became a resident at Highland Wood in Haliburton he was pleased to be back with Ken and Elois for his party. Among the family and friends at the celebration was his sister Mabel Coumbs who will be 94 on February 18, 2002. Col is reasonably healthy for his age and still very witty. Always single, he claims he is looking for a good woman. Many happy returns Col. Let's all go to the 100th party next year.

The Gentlemen of Song were in great voice on Sunday morning, February 3. They were the featured choir at the Wilberforce United Church. The snowy morning wasn't enough to keep people away from enjoying their music and the tasty breakfast served by the members.

The Firefighters' Bonspiel was a successful event at the Curling Club on the weekend. The Women's Valentine Bonspiel is on this weekend. Always a good one.

Next week is Heritage Week, at least in our area. The Heritage Guild hosts the Pancake Supper at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Tues. Feb. 12, from 4:30 to 6:30. Proceeds will be passed on to the Haliburton and Bancroft Hospitals.

On Thursday, Feb. 14 the Guild opens the doors of the Outpost Museum. During the

afternoon come for a game of Court Whist. There's Scrabble for those left over from Whist. In the evening come out and play all kinds of "older" type games. Refreshments both afternoon (1:15 p.m.) and evening (7 p.m.). You are welcome to drop in for coffee/tea even if you're not a games person.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild's annual meeting chaired by president Gill Stephen was held on Monday, January 29, at the Outpost Museum. Financial statements for 2001 were presented and the president gave a review of the past year's achievements and events. All board members

have been returned for 2002. They are Gill Stephen, Gerald Schackleton, Nadeen Sanderson, Lloyd Griffiths, Judy Johnson, Flo Taylor, Cathy Agnew, Hilda Clark and Marlene Robertson.

The choir of the Kawartha Lakes Bible College in Peterborough presented a wonderful concert of music and song in Wilberforce on Sunday evening, February 3. The Lloyd Watson Centre rang with their joyful voices praising God. This talented group included second year student Mark Hughes who played the bass guitar for some of the numbers. There were two Spanish guitars and a flute as well as piano played during the concert. Thanks to the Harcourt Chapel for bringing this upbeat, joyful group of youth to our area.

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Hilda Clark

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It was a dandy derby

The Pat & Phyllis Gallen Lake Trout Fishing Derby held January 26 was a great success with 77 participants and 30 trout of various sizes hitting the scales to compete for prizes. The largest trout weighed in at 7 lbs. It was a great day and everyone had a fun time.

Brock Gobb was the first prize winner taking home \$400. Second place prize was taken by Rene St. Cyr - \$225. Reto Luischer placed 3rd and caught himself \$145 in prize money. The fourth largest trout was caught by Kevin Blair, who did not make it for a money prize; as luck would have it he was first to choose one of many gifts donated by our many

sponsors. If you entered the derby and did not receive a prize, then you did not come to the Legion after the 6 p.m. shutdown. There were many great prizes and we want to thank all our sponsors for their generous donations. I do not want to list individual names in case I miss someone but a hardy thanks to you all.

I do want to give a thank you to a couple of people who were responsible for the success of this well run derby and they are Malcolm Hughes and John Sorensen. Great work and thanks from everyone in the derby.

The Cribbage Tournament held on January 27th was enjoyed by approximately 40 cribbage players. A great lunch of stew, buns, coffee and desserts was on hand for players to enjoy. Thanks Joan Clark for the great stew. Ruth Tanner was the High Cribbage winner while Minnie Compton the Low Cribbage winner. Joan Harris and Marg Ridout won Low Cribbage Game. 2nd High Cribbage Game went to Betty Brett and 3rd high to Ruth Vaughan. Congratulations to Phyllis Fitzgibbon of our Legion Branch who won the 50/50 draw.

Up-Coming Events: Feb. 5: R.C.L. Executive meeting 7 p.m.; Feb. 7: Ladies Auxiliary meeting; Feb. 8: Pot Luck Dinner and Birthday Bash; Feb. 10: Pool Tournament 1 p.m. You can pre register for this tournament at the bar and be certain of a spot on the list to compete for 1st prize. For further information contact Malcom Hughes, Sports Director. Thanks, See you there; Feb. 14: St. Valentines Day; Feb. 16: Valentines Day Dance. Come on out and bring your Valentine; Darts: Every Wednesday 7.30 p.m.; Euchre: Every Thursday 1 p.m.

From all the members of our branch 624, we wish you a good day.

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NOTICE

(Applicant - Paradine)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 10, in Concession 3, on Kennisis Lake, in the geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, March 11th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated November 20th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of January, 2002.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
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NOTICE

(Applicant - MacDonald)

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 6, in Concession 2, on Farquhar Lake, in the geographic Township of Harcourt, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, March 11th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated January 8th, 2002, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF SALERNO LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter M45, Section 297 and Section 300 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Wilberforce, Ontario on Tuesday, the 12th day of March 2002, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 2, Concession 4, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by Robert B. Parr, O.L.S., dated October 30, 2001.

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Municipality of Highlands East Offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at The Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 15th day of January, 2002.

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Catherine Galbraith dies

She was a teacher, environmentalist, writer

WE in Eagle Lake who knew her, were saddened to learn of the death, on January 28, 2002, of Catherine Galbraith Denholm in her 89th year.

A former teacher, she and her husband Jack, an agricultural specialist, retired to a home on Parsons Road in the early seventies.

After busy careers, for they travelled frequently and lived abroad when Jack's agricultural expertise was in demand in Africa or Asia, Eagle Lake proved a haven of relaxation.

Daughters Ann Cosby and Jane Rumble pursue teaching careers in Ontario, son John lives in Calgary, a daughter Susan is deceased.

Catherine added much to our lives in Eagle Lake. She was a rabid environmentalist, whether it was protecting loons, or spearheading action to establish "blue box recycling" at local dumps. She was an ardent supporter of the first Earth Day celebration back in the early eighties. As a member of the Eagle Lake Women's Assoc., she too helped make the green and red shopping bags one still sees around town, still serviceable after years of use.

In 1983 the Canadian Women's action League made up of some of the foremost thinkers of the day from across Canada, organized a trip to China and Catherine invited me to go along for the month. China was just emerging from isolationism, though one must still show passes to travel from one province to the other. We were hosted by a Chinese

women's organization who provided us with two interpreters who lived with us, got us passed painlessly through customs, and generally facilitated our trip.

It was an epic adventure, from the Great Wall of China, north of Beijing, to the Korean border in the south, using every mode of transportation but bullock cart. One became reasonably adept at relieving oneself through a slit in the floor - through this method on a moving train with no seat was a challenge. We dined with chopsticks and perhaps a more food - stained lot has never emerged from that country. Most memorable were the discussions though on wide ranging topics of the day.

The Galbraith family were from a small community near St. Thomas, Ontario. Brother John, Kenneth Galbraith, the well known American economist, still lives in Boston.

Catherine was of a literary bent, an avid reader, she was co founder of a book club here and wrote a weekly column for The Echo in the Eighties.

After Jack's death in the late eighties Catherine moved to Toronto, returning annually to us for a visit. She was still interested in the community and said upon receiving our group's latest Christmas card that she mentally tried to match each name with a picture of the person.

She will be missed by those who remember her.

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Ruth Still

754-2802

Take advantage of Meals on Wheels' Valentine's special

For the week of Feb. 11-15, if you order 10 frozen entrees from Haliburton County Home Support Services, you'll receive one free Meals on Wheels. Meals are available to anyone aged 55 and over and/or physically challenged aged 18 and over.

"We are really trying to reach out to the community and those who have not tried our meals yet," said Ida Schultz, Meals on

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great and easy way to get a healthy well-balanced

meal for a low price. Home delivery is available at no charge. "This is a service that is open to all seniors and physically challenged adults in Haliburton County," said Schultz. "There is no financial or health assessment. We are trying to promote a healthy lifestyle for all seniors, regardless of current health and financial background."

All meals are well balanced and nutritious. Individual servings make them perfect for a single person who does not want to go to the trouble of cooking a big meal for one person. "You just heat them in the microwave or oven and you have a complete meal in a matter of minutes. And we'll deliver them right to your door," she added. "What more could you ask for?"

If you would like to order frozen Meals on Wheels or for a complete menu, please contact Schultz at 457-2941.



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WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 25, in Concession 5, on Little Kennis Lake, in the geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, March 11th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated December 19th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 16th day of January, 2002.

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Snowball rolls into Dorset Feb. 16

MELISSA ALFANO

Special to The Echo

Things are heating up in Dorset for a real old-fashioned winter celebration, the 12th annual Snowball Winter Carnival.

Snowball was originated by the volunteer operations committee for the Dorset Recreation Centre back in 1991 as a community event and fundraiser for the Rec Centre. It takes place on the third week-end of February every year and has grown from an event that used

to be only attended by people from Dorset to an event that is now attended by people from all over Ontario.

Despite bitter, bitter cold last year, more than a thousand Snowball buttons were sold and the streets hummed with people and a multitude of wintry activities – everything from mini snowmobile rides to beaver weight guessing and from free skating to minnow racing. The main focus of Snowball is to provide affordable family-oriented entertainment, to make Dorset a destination and to bring the community together for a day filled with activity and fun.

Many events have become a tradition at Snowball and everyone looks forward to them.

Several community members in and around Dorset spend the entire week leading up to Snowball constructing amazing snow sculptures (weather permitting). The Dorset Lions Club organizes this event, by providing the judging and prizes in both adult and children's categories. Judging takes place Friday morning and the winners are posted at the Rec Centre on Saturday.

On Friday evening around suppertime there's a skating party with music for children and adults and this event has become a tradition as a family outing for several residents of Dorset. During the skating party, Topper the Clown hands out free helium balloons to all the children, including those who are children at heart. There's hot chocolate, coffee and usually hot dogs for sale around the rink for those who want to warm up or who are hungry after all that skating.

The really big event that everyone looks forward to on Friday night is the Broomball Tournament. People form their teams in advance (six players, at least two females per team) and give themselves names such as The Dorset Doorknobs. The big challenge of the evening is to beat the Dorset Volunteer Fire Department team and this has been done – but it is a challenge!

Saturday's events begin with a pancake supper provided by the fire department, who are all sore after the big game the night before! It's an all-you-can-eat-breakfast and it's wonderfully delicious!

After brekkie, everyone heads outside to see the Dorset Snowball Parade. Anyone can be in the parade and they all meet at the designated time at The Dorset Garage. The parade proceeds down Main St., over the single lane bridge, past Robinson's General Store and on to the Rec Centre where the parade wraps up.

People come in to the Rec Centre to warm up and see the excellent craft show. Local artisans and crafts people display and sell their wares in the Rec

Centre between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. This is a special craft sale as only handmade goods are allowed in the show.

Traditionally the local church, Knox United, provides coffee, tea and sweets in the Rec Centre. People can come in, have a seat, warm up and have a wonderful homemade treat.

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If you are interested in helping out at Snowball, call the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968. Organizers will guarantee you have a great time!

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Friends of St. Stephen's Heritage Church (Boskung Inc.) Stanhope Community Centre, downstairs. February 27, 2002, 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. All welcome!

REMINDER! Chamber of Commerce Members. If you would like your brochures taken to the upcoming trade shows, please have them to the Info Centre on Hwy. 35 by Monday, Feb. 18th. Need more info? Call Ann at 286-1760.

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The Stanhope Heritage Museum presents
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An informative and lively series of presentations
2nd Tuesday of each month at Club 35, Halls Lake at 7 p.m.
Admission by donation
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February 12:
"A Family Affair"
In partnership with members of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group we'll learn about beginning your family research. Special presentation "The Deacons of Halls Lake" by HHGG member Dave Bulford. Featuring open forum Q & A and resource display.

March 12:
"A River runs Through it ... and over it ... and around it ..."
It's not just another pretty stream ... Brent Wooten from the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve will take us for an 'in-depth' look at the amazing world of streams that feed our lakes.

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340 AUCTIONS/FLEA MARKETS

WHITE'S AUCTION SALE
Saturday, February 9 - 10 a.m.
Contents of the home of Doreen Scott of Glen Alda and others
Sale to be held at the Faraday Community Centre. From Bancroft take Hwy. 28S approx. 8 kms to Lower Faraday Road (Beside Bow Lake Variety).

Sale to consist of furniture, household goods, antiques, collectibles, Coleman 2500 Ultra Generator (new, sold subject to owners approval), Simoniz pressure washer (new, sold, subject to owners approval, tools and miscellaneous items etc. Many more items too numerous to mention. Payment by cash, cheque, Visa or Interac. Auctioneer not responsible for lost or stolen items. Lunch available. **White's Auction Service, Oscar White - Auctioneer. Phone: (613) 339-2350, Fax: (613) 339-1572.**

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380 BIRTHS

BRISCO/ROBINSON - Rob and Amanda are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, **HAILEY VICTORIA**

We welcomed our precious bundle on her arrival, January 25, 2002, weighing in at 7 lbs 6 ozs. Thrilled are first time grandparents Ron & Marlene Robinson and sixth for Marshall and Elaine Brisco. First great grandchild for Momma and Poppa (Bruce and Viola Cook) and Ron and Dot Robinson. Lots of loving Aunts, uncles and cousins waiting to spoil. Ooops!! It's happened already.

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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF IRIS LENORE MUMFORD, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of IRIS LENORE MUMFORD, late of the township of Harcourt, in the County of Haliburton, who died on the 9th day of January, 2002, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 28th day of February, 2002.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the Estate, will be distributed having regard only to the claims that have then been received and the estate will not be liable to and person of whose claim he shall not then have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 15th day of January, 2002 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Administrator of the Estate of Iris Lenore Mumford.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

MOULTON, BRYAN ALLAN - In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandpa and friend who passed away on February 9, 1999.

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(Manx saying: "Time enough. Sit down and take your rest")

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TEATRO, VINCENT "DUKE" - In loving memory of a dear father, who passed away February 9, 1978.

He left us quietly but left us a memory
We will never forget.
So watch over him God
In your garden of rest,
For on earth he was
One of the best.
Sadly missed by **Jack and family.**

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

SHARON LUFFMAN (MUISE)
Passed away at home after a lengthy illness on Monday, January 28, 2002
In her 43rd year.

Best friend and partner of Joe Burgess of Minden. Loving daughter of Helen and the late James Luffman, mother of Deanna and Jay, and grandmother of Dylan. Sadly missed by Eric and Janice. Dear sister of Jim and Joanne of Lindsay, Debbie and John Sisco of Toronto, Johnny and Wendy of Toronto and predeceased by her brother Frank. Fondly remembered by her family and by many friends in the Minden area. Family and friends were invited to a Memorial Service at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Thursday, January 31, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation 1 hour prior to the Service. Cremation followed. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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FRANK TATTERSALL (Resident of Haliburton, Ont.) - At Highland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton on Thursday evening, January 24, 2002 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of the late Gwendolyn Mead. Loving father of Barry J. Tattersall (Shirley Harrison) of Haliburton. Lovingly remembered by his granddaughter Karen (Mrs. Jamie Wadsworth) of Kitchener and his great grandchildren Paul, Conrad and Sydney. Dear brother of Sheila Ormyroyd of Mississauga. Predeceased by his sister Edna Parkinson. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Heart & Stroke foundation or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME**, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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Smudge Fundaes a sweet treat

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Photos by **DARREN LUM**



TVOntario's Eureka! Ask a Teacher

Extra help online with the Grade 10 literacy test

The standardized grade 10 literacy test is back! Last fall the questions of the test were leaked on the internet a few days before the test dates, and consequently the test was postponed. It will now be held across the province on February 14 and 15.

TVOntario's Eureka! Ask a Teacher interactive Web site provides practice questions to students and walks them through the grammar and literacy issues covered by the test, such as spelling, sentence structure, and essay writing. The site is an engaging way for students to learn, assess how ready they are, or review what they know. Students who

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In addition to exercises about literacy, at www.tvo.org students can find teachers trained to answer their questions from Sunday to Thursday evenings between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. EST. Eureka! Ask a Teacher connects students with teachers in real time through text and an innovative electronic whiteboard.

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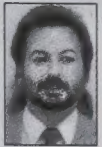
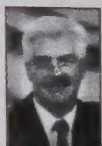
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